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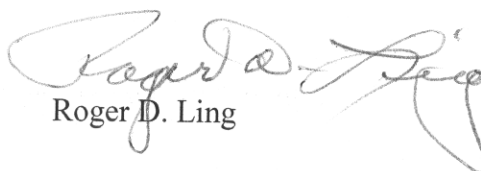
RE: **SRBA Claim of Garro Sheep Co., Inc.**
Water Right No. 25-12308

Dear Mr. Mikesell:

Pursuant to your letter of May 4, 2004, you inquired of Garro Sheep Co., Inc. as to "evidence of priority" for the above water right claim. As you know, the springs which are the source of this water right are located wholly and entirely upon the lands of Garro Sheep Co. Since receiving your letter, an extensive search has been made of records to establish a priority date. In our investigation, we were able to obtain a copy of the original patent to these lands upon which the springs are located and the place of use occurs. As you will notice from the claim, the point of diversion and place of use are located in the East half (E½) of Section 6. The patent was issued on April 12, 1932. A son of Martha S. Stanger, the original settler, is still living. His name is Billie Stanger, who was born in 1919. We are attempting to obtain his affidavit as to the history of his mother's settlement on these lands and use of the spring. Unfortunately, Mr. Stanger is not in good health and we have been unable to obtain an appropriate affidavit to this date. He has confirmed to Tony Garro and LoRetta Garro, stockholders of Garro Sheep Co., Inc., that his mother homesteaded the property in 1910.

We have also enclosed a copy of a Warranty Deed from Francese Garro, the widow of John Garro, and his two sons and their wives, conveying the property to Garro Sheep Co., Inc. in 1966. If you need copies of Deeds to establish the chain of title, please advise and we will make every effort to obtain them from the title company. We will submit the affidavit of Billie Stanger as soon as it can be obtained.

Very truly yours,


Roger D. Ling

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